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I. Officers/Committees:

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Committees:

*ASIO Reception Committee (includes Career Talk with Toxperts and Coffee Hour):*
  Chair: President (Udayan Apte)
  Co-Chair: Vice President (Sharmilee Sawant)
  Volunteers: Nithya Mariappan, Navatha Alugubelly, Vijay Kale

*ASIO Sponsorship/Endowment Committee:*
  Chair: Vice President (Sharmilee Sawant)
  Co-Chair: President (Udayan Apte)

*ASIO Membership Committee (Membership):*
  Chair: Vice President (Sharmilee Sawant)
  Co-Chair: Vice President Elect (Vijay Kale)

*ASIO Outreach Committee (merge with Awards and Webinar Committee):*
  Chair: Councilor (Sindhura Ramasahayam)
  Co-Chair: Councilor (Ashwin Phadnis-Moghe)

*Newsletter Committee:*
  Chair: Pankajini Mallick
  Co-Chair: Navatha Alugubelly
  Volunteers: Vijay Kale, Jaya Chilakapati, Nithya Mariappan, and Saurabh Vispute
II. Activities:

2019 SOT Annual Meeting Activities

ASIO Reception was held in Peale Ballroom, Hilton Baltimore, Baltimore, MD on Monday, March 11, 2019 from 7 to 9.30 pm EST.

Approximately 110 people were in attendance.

Dr. Udayan Apte called the meeting to order at 7.30 pm EST.

Business Meeting Speakers: Drs. Udayan Apte and Sharmilee Sawant

ASIO 2018-19 Awards:

• ASIO International Travel Award:
  1. Nitin Verma
  2. Rashmi Rajashekaraiah

• Dr. Harihara M. Mehendale Graduate Student Endowment Fund Award:
  1. Sireesha Manne
  2. Sharavan Ramchandran

• Dr. Laxman Desai Graduate Students Endowment Fund Award:
  1. Navatha Alugubelly
  2. Sreedhar Reddy Suthe

• Dr. Dharam V. Singh Post-doctoral Endowment Fund Award:
1. Bharat Bhushan
2. Manushree Bharadwaj

• ASIO Young Investigator Award:
  1. Saurabh Vispute

• ASIO Senior Toxicologist Award:
  1. Vijay Kannappan

2019 SOT Annual Meeting Courses/Sessions:

Conducted review and endorsed 5 scientific proposals for the 2019 Annual Meeting, two of the proposals were rejected and three were accepted for the Annual Meeting.

Continuing Education: Beauty of the Skin Is in the Eye of the Beholder: A Basic Course on Dermal and Ocular Toxicology (PM 10- March 10, 2019 1-5 pm EST) (ASIO-Endorsed Session)

Roundtable: The Delaney Clause, from 1958 to 2019: Making the Model Relevant, March 12, 2019, 11am -12.20 pm EST. (ASIO-Endorsed Session)

Workshop (90-minutes): Adverse or Not Adverse? Thinking Process behind Adversity Determination during Nonclinical Drug Development, March 12, 2019, 1pm - 2.30 pm EST. (ASIO-Endorsed Session)

Mentoring initiatives at SOT Meeting:

1. Coffee Hour with an Expert: One-on-one mentoring opportunities were provided to students/postdocs and young scientists with experts in the field throughout the course of the Annual Meeting. The following 12 mentors participated in the coffee hour: Brinda Mahadevan, Nitin Verma, Jayadev Raju, Mamta V Behl, Kishori Apte, Raja S. Mangipudy, Siddhartha Ray, Smita Mehta, Sridhar Jaligama, Udayan Apte, Vijay Kale, and Sachin Bhusari.

2. Career Talk with Toxperts: An expert panel comprising of Drs. Saurabh Vispute, Vishakha Bhave and Prathap Kumar met with students, postdocs and young scientists in Peale Ballroom, Hilton Baltimore, Baltimore, MD on Monday, March 11, 2019 from 4.45 to 5.45 pm EST to mentor, provide career insights, and field questions regarding early career transition challenges.

Endowment Fund Details:

ASIO has total of four endowment funds:
  1. Dharm V. Singh Association of Scientists of Indian Origin Student Award Fund
  2. Harihara M. Mehendale Association of Scientists of Indian Origin Student Award Fund
  3. Laxman S. Desai Association of Scientists of Indian Origin Student Award Fund
4. Toxikon, a Preclinical Toxicology Organization, and Dr. Dharm Singh Association of Scientists of Indian Origin Award Fund

**Newsletters:** A total of 2 newsletters were published in this year (August 2018 and February 2019)

**Webinars:** None

**Other Special Interest Group 2018-2019 Activities:**

The ASIO Website was periodically updated throughout 2018 and 2019. The primary updates included: Updating the Awards contact and deadlines; and adding the ASIO Annual Reception pictures on the website.

**Member Surveys:**

1. **ASIO Activities Survey:** ASIO conducted a survey in October (Oct 1-5, 2018) following the 2018 Annual Meeting to get feedback from the members on ASIO activities. The survey was open for feedback for ASIO members from October 1st to October 5th. The feedback from the survey was considered while planning the 2019 ASIO activities.

2. **ASIO Member Accomplishments Survey:** The ASIO EC introduced for the first time for ASIO members “ASIO Member Accomplishments” survey in February 2019. The member accomplishment survey recognizes several accomplishments of ASIO members. The survey was open for feedback from February 5th to February 12th. The input from the survey was included in the February 2019 ASIO newsletter.